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Matter No. 28080-119 U.S. Patent Application

Title: NOISE REDUCTION FOR SPECTROSCOPIC SIGNAL PROCESSING

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Sir:

We enclose for filing the patent application of:

Inventor: Howard S. Taylor and Sharif Kunikeev

For: NOISE REDUCTION FOR SPECTROSCOPIC SIGNAL PROCESSING

This applicant claims Small Entity Status. See 37 C.F.R. 1.27.

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- Cover + 27 pages of specification, claims and abstract
- Five (5) sheet(s) of informal drawing(s) (Figs. 1-5)

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